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Re: Application of Shigenobu HAMANO and Noriomi HAYASHI
APPARATUS FOR TREATING VOLUME-REDUCED POLYSTYRENE
RESIN IN GEL STATE FOR MATERIAL SEPARATION AND RECOVERY
Assignees: **SHIGENOBU HAMANO, MEISHIN KOGYO**
KABUSHIKIGAISHA AND NORIOMI HAYASHI
Our Ref: Q87178

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ seven (7) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-7).
- ☒ an International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	13	-	20	=		x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$300.00
Search Fee*									\$400.00
Examination Fee*									\$200.00
<u>TOTAL FEE</u>									<u>\$900.00</u>

* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-058003	March 5, 2003
PCT	PCT/JP02/10098	September 27, 2002

Since March 27, 2004 (30 months from the priority date) fell on a Sunday, the submission of the these papers on Monday, March 28, 2005 is sufficient for National Stage Entry.

Respectfully submitted,

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